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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senate Committees

1. The Republican caucus approved a rule that limits a Republican member to holding only one ranking minority slot on a standing committee.

2. The members affected would be Smith, Bennett and Aiken. If Aiken does choose to hold ranking minority on Agriculture and give up his slot on Foreign Relations, this would put Case next in line for the slot on Foreign Relations, de jure if something happens to Mundt, and de facto till Mundt returns to an active role. Senator Smith's choices would be between Aeronautical and Space Sciences and Armed Services. Thurmond would be ranking minority on Armed Services if Senator Smith gave up that slot.



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